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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

SUPPORT FOR THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the claim amendments may be found in the specification, for example, on page 5 lines 4-9, page 8 lines 17-21, page 7 lines 9-11, page 6 lines 18-20 and FIG. 2, as originally filed. Thus, no new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chawla '695 has been obviated by appropriate amendment, is respectfully traversed in part, and should be withdrawn.

Chawla concerns a method and apparatus for providing analog output and managing channels on a multiple channel digital media server (Title).

Claim 1 provides one or more decoder devices, and at least one of the one or more decoder devices being disposed in a separate room from a control server and a drive server. Assuming, *arguendo*, that a media file system 108 of Chawla is similar to the claimed one or more decoder devices (for which Applicant's representative does not necessarily agree), FIG. 2 of Chawla

appears to show that the media file system 108 is disposed adjacent to a media server 104 (asserted similar to the claimed drive server). Chawla appears to be silent that the media file system 108 is disposed in a separate room from the media server 104 or a media stream manager 114 (asserted similar to the claimed control server). Therefore, Chawla does not appear to teach or suggest one or more decoder devices, and at least one of the one or more decoder devices being disposed in a separate room from a control server and a drive server as presently claimed. Claims 12 and 14 provide language similar to claim 1.

Claim 1 further provides that the control server is separate from the drive server. In contrast, FIG. 2 of Chawla shows that the media stream manager 114 (alleged control server) is inside the media server 104 (alleged drive server). Therefore, Chawla does not appear to disclose or suggest that the control server is separate from the drive server as presently claimed. Claims 12 and 14 provides language similar to claim 1.

Claim 1 further provides a plurality of busses between the control server and the decoder devices. In contrast, FIG. 2 of Chawla only shows a single Fast or Fast/Wide SCSI bus between the media file system 108 (alleged decoder devices) and the media server 104 (alleged driver server). Chawla appears to be silent regarding (i) multiple busses and (ii) busses between the media file system 108 (alleged decoder devices) and the media stream

manager 114 (alleged control server). Therefore, Chawla does not appear to disclose or suggest a plurality of busses between the control server and the decoder devices as presently claimed. Claims 12 and 14 provide language similar to claim 1.

Claim 1 further provides that each of the one or more decoder devices is configured to decode at least one of the one or more DVD bitstreams received from the control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal. In contrast, column 3 last line to column 4 first line of Chawla describes the media file system 108 as, "External disk subsystems 108 are dedicated to the storage of multimedia files." One of ordinary skill in the art would not appear to understand disk subsystems dedicated to storing multimedia files as being capable of decoding a DVD bitstream to generate a decoded video signal and/or a decode audio signal. FIG. 1 of Chawla does disclose an MPEG converter 1008 as decoding digital video signals received from a Fast/Wide SCSI bus 1006. However, the MPEG converter 1008 of Chawla does not appear to be in a separate room as a media center 1002 and a disk storage 1004 which supply encoded digital video content. Therefore, Chawla does not appear to disclose or suggest that each of the one or more decoder devices is configured to decode at least one of the one or more DVD bitstreams received from the control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal as presently claimed. As such,

the claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 4 provides that the one or more decoder devices are configured to enter a diagnostic mode in response to one of the one or more control signals. In contrast, Chawla appears to be silent regarding a media file system 108 (alleged decoder devices) entering a diagnostic mode. Furthermore, the Office supplied cites into the abstract, column 3 and column 4 of Chawla do not appear to discuss entering diagnostics. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to either (i) clearly identify where Chawla allegedly discusses a decoder device entering a diagnostic mode or (ii) withdraw the rejection.

Claim 10 provides a navigation software to control one or more user input signals is stored in one or more of the decoder devices. In contrast, Chawla appears to be silent regarding the media file system 108 of Chawla (an external disk subsystem) storing navigation software. In particular, column 3 last line through column 4 first line of Chawla indicates that the media file system 108 stores only ("are dedicated to") multimedia files. Therefore, Chawla does not appear to disclose or suggest a navigation software to control one or more user input signals is stored in one or more of the decoder devices as presently claimed. As such, claim 10 is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Despite the assertion on page 3 of the Office Action, the abstract, column 3 and column 4 of Chawla appear to be silent regarding (claim 2) decoder devices remotely controlled by a user, (claims 3, 13 and 18) one or more control signals, (claims 7 and 11) navigation software, (claims 8 and 15) universal serial busses and 1394 busses and (claim 17) software to control and decode. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to either (i) clearly identify where Chawla allegedly expressly or inherently discloses the above claimed elements or (ii) withdraw the rejections.

Claims 5, 6, 9 and 16 depend from claims 1 and 14, which are now believed to be allowable. Since the dependent claims contain all of the limitations of the independent claims, claims 5, 6, 9 and 16 are fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejections should be withdrawn.

New claims 19 and 20 depend from claim 12, which is now believed to be allowable. Since the dependent claims contain all of the limitations of the independent claim, claims 19 and 20 are fully patentable over the cited reference and should be allowed.

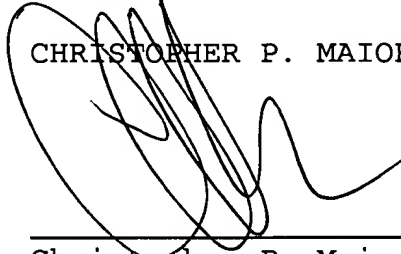
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,

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